

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to literally recite description that was incorporated by reference. Namely the specification has been amended to recite language found in U.S. Patent No. 6,160,084 as incorporated by reference at page 3, line 15 of the specification. Claims 1-29 and 32-33 have been canceled without prejudice to Applicants' right to prosecute the canceled subject matter in any continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional or other application. Claims 34-64 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification as filed. For example, support can be found in original claims 1-29, 32-33 and in U.S. Patent No. 6,160,084, incorporated by reference. No new matter is believed to have been introduced.

ELECTION

The Examiner alleges that the application contains three (3) patentably distinct invention as follows:

Group I, claims 1-29, drawn to a method for microfabrication of polymer scaffolds;

Group II, claims 30-32, drawn to a polymer scaffold; and

Group III, claim 33, drawn to a cell culture method.

Applicants elect the invention of Group II, claims 30-32 drawn to a polymer scaffold. New claims 34-63 fall within the elected subject matter. The election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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